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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. (Note: February 15, 2003, the date that is three months from the date of the communication, was a Saturday. Monday, February 17, 2003 was a federal holiday, and on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, the federal government, including the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office, was closed due to snow. Therefore, this submission is timely under the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(e)),

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language version or translation of the foreign patent office report citing the documents.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 506.38266X00).

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